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164 cases, 64 deaths; deaths, 3 Brazilians and 10 foreigners; 10 deaths in hospital and 3 in different sections of the city. At the close of the week there were 6 cases in hospital. Plague, 1 case and 1 death in hospital, leaving 1 case in the hospital at the end of this week. Variola, 11 cases and 1 death, leaving 22 cases in São Sebastião hospital. Total deaths during week, 254.

#### BRITISH HONDURAS.

##### *Report from Belíze, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carson reports as follows: Week ended May 4, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 8,500; number of deaths, 5; prevailing diseases, mild type of malarial fever and influenza; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 28	Anselm .....	40	11	32	0
28	Basutoland .....	8	0	0	0
29	Nicaragua .....	18	0	0	0
May 4	Senator .....	40	1	0	0

Number of aliens inspected, 3.

#### CHINA.

##### *Plague in Amoy.*

The following is received from the Department of State under date of May 10:

The Department is in receipt of a telegram, dated the 10th instant, from the American consul-general at Amoy, China, which reads: "Plague."

##### *Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Small-pox—Tuberculosis—Intestinal disorders.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, March 20 and 29 and April 5, 11, and 19, as follows:

During the week ended March 18, 1905, 2 original and 2 supplemental bills of health were issued, and there were inspected 441 crew, 59 cabin and 93 steerage passengers. Six cases of illness were investigated, none of which proved to be of quarantinable disease. One immigrant for San Francisco, per steamship *Manchuria*, was examined and passed, and there were inspected 120 pieces of baggage, while 34 pieces were disinfected.

Report of the municipal health officer: Among foreigners, small-pox 1 new case; enteric fever 1 new case; scarlet fever 1 new case; among natives, smallpox 6 deaths, diphtheria 3 deaths, and tuberculosis 26 deaths. The total reported mortality was 5 foreigners and 141 natives.

Regarding the reported foreign morbidity from smallpox, I am informed upon what appears to be very good authority that 7 cases of

that disease were admitted to the isolation hospital during the week just ended.

Week ended March 25, 1905, inspected 2 vessels, 47 crew, and no passengers. Two pieces of baggage belonging to a man shipped here on board the schooner *Honolulu* were disinfected, and 13 certificates of successful vaccination were issued to persons bound to American ports. Manifests were viséed for 4,027 pieces of freight. There were no immigration examinations made.

Report of the municipal health officer: Among foreigners, smallpox 1 new case, enteric fever 1 new case, diphtheria 2 new cases; among natives, smallpox 6 deaths, diphtheria 1 death, tuberculosis 28 deaths. The total reported mortality was 7 foreigners and 156 natives. There were no quarantinable diseases reported from outports.

Week ended April 1, 1905, issued 1 original and 3 supplemental bills of health, and 3 vessels, 345 crew, 81 cabin and 164 steerage passengers inspected. One death in port on the steamship *Korea* was investigated. The cause of death was a nonquarantinable disease. Manifests were viséed for 4,460 pieces of freight, and 30 pieces human hair for New York via Vancouver were disinfected with formalin. Twenty-seven vaccination certificates were issued to persons bound to United States ports. Two immigrants for San Francisco via steamship *Korea* were examined and passed.

Report of the municipal health officer: Among foreigners, smallpox 1 new case, diphtheria 3 new cases, tuberculosis 1 new case; among natives, smallpox 1 death, diphtheria 8 deaths, scarlet fever 1 death, and tuberculosis 27 deaths. The total reported mortality was 139 natives. No quarantinable disease was reported from outports.

Week ended April 8, 1905, issued 1 original and 1 supplemental bill of health to 2 vessels with an aggregate of 497 crew; of these, 1 vessel, 131 crew, 21 cabin and 95 steerage passengers were inspected. Bill of health was issued to the U. S. cruiser *Cincinnati* upon the certificate of the medical officer without inspection. This vessel was bound to Chemulpo, with Manila as a possible subsequent destination. Manifests were viséed for 837 pieces of freight, and 20 pieces (human hair for New York via San Francisco) were disinfected with formalin. There were also disinfected 5 pieces of personal baggage belonging to steerage passengers. Four immigrants for San Francisco via steamship *Coptic* were examined and passed.

Report of the municipal health officer: Among foreigners 4 new cases of enteric fever; among natives, smallpox 1 death, diphtheria 11 deaths, and tuberculosis 20 deaths. The total reported mortality was 2 foreigners and 120 natives.

In addition to the reported cases and deaths from smallpox there were, I understand, 3 foreigners from ships in the harbor admitted to the isolation hospital suffering with the disease during the week. There were no quarantinable diseases reported from outports during the week.

Week ended April 15, 1905, 1 supplemental bill of health issued, and inspected 1 vessel with 46 crew. One vessel in port, the *Arthur Sewell*, ultimately bound to Honolulu, was found to have a case of smallpox among the crew. The patient was promptly sent to the hospital, the crew were vaccinated, and all of their effects, together with the living quarters on board, were disinfected with sulphur dioxide 5 per cent for twenty-four hours, after which the quarters were washed

out with 1:800 bichloride solution. The personnel was also bathed, all the work being under the immediate supervision of this office. Of 19 vaccinations on this ship 16 were successful, and certificates were issued accordingly. There was also disinfected 1 piece of freight—household goods for San Francisco per steamship *Siberia*. Manifests were viséed for 2,858 pieces of freight.

The report of the municipal health officer for the week shows no smallpox reported. There was 1 new case of tuberculosis among the foreign population, while among the natives there occurred 1 death from diphtheria and 21 deaths from tuberculosis. The total reported mortality was 5 foreigners and 126 natives.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from outports, although 1 death from ptomain poisoning is reported from Wu Chang. Early cases of cholera are occasionally mistaken for ptomain poisoning in this locality. Acute diarrheas are somewhat prevalent in Shanghai just now, although atmospheric conditions favoring them are absent. Their cause I do not know, as they seem to occur without reference to previous condition or surroundings. I mention these intestinal disorders in view of the fact that it is said when appearing early in the spring, they prepare the way for a more or less violent outbreak of cholera in the community later in the season.

According to reports received from Niuchwang that port has declared Hongkong infected, and all vessels arriving at Niuchwang from Hongkong, direct or via ports, will be held in quarantine to complete ten days from date of leaving the infected port.

#### CUBA.

##### *Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection of vessels.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, May 3, as follows:

During the week ended April 29, 1905, 7 vessels with a total crew of 203, no passengers, were inspected and bills of health issued to ports in the United States. All of the vessels were in good sanitary condition and no sickness present at the time of sailing.

The report for the month of April will be forwarded as soon as the mortuary report is received.

##### *Report from Habana—Inspection of vessels—Certificates of detention and vaccination issued—Mortuary statistics.*

Surgeon Wertenbaker reports, May 8, as follows:

Week ended May 6, 1905.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	32
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	1,069
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	995
Detention certificates issued for New Orleans and Mobile.....	8
Certificates of vaccination issued for Colon .....	9

The American steamship *Vigilancia* had 1 seaman with orchitis, 1 passenger and 2 children with measles, and 1 passenger with catarrhal jaundice.

No quarantinable diseases, with the exception of leprosy, which is always present, have been reported in the city or island during the week.